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A NEW ERA IN BANKING.

Secretary 'Gage Outlines Needed Reforms.

NOTHING TO SAY AS TO RESIGNATION

Benefits to Be Secured in the Formation of a Central Institution Spoken of at the Group Eight Banquet in New York City-Leading Financiers at the Dinner.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.-More than four hundred bankers and their guests at down to the annual banquet of the bankers of the city of New York in the Waldorf-Astoria this evening. Secretary Gage, who was the principal speaker of occasion, arrived from Philadelphia about 6 o'clock in the evening

He went at once to the Waldorf-Astoria, where he was quickly plied with questions as to the truth or falsity of the statement in this afternoon's papers that he was about to resign from President Roosevelt's Cabinet. Secretary Gage

"I am not prepared now to say whether that statement is true or not. I will only say that my relations with the President and the Cabinet are in every way pleasant, and there is nothing in those relations to make me contemplate resigning from the Secretaryship of the Treasury.

Guests at the Banquet. Mr. Gage sat at the right of the chair-

man, George F. Baker, while Thomas B. Reed, formerly Speaker of the House of Representatives, sat on Mr. Baker's left. Others seated in the dais were William Sherer, the Hon, Frederick D. Kilbourn, William A. Nash, Maj. Gen. John R. Brooke, the Rev. Dr. Donald Sage Martin, Richard Delafield, Myron T. Herrick, James Stillman, Morris K. Jesup, George G. Williams, James T. Woodward, Henry E. Howland, Amos Parker Wilder, William B. Ridgely, Frederick D. Tappan, A D. Bissell, James C. Hendrick, Rear Admiral Barker, and Courad N. Jordan.

The banquet was served in the big ballroom of the hotel, which was handsomely decorated. In the galleries were scores of ladies and their escorts, who came in just before Chairman Baker rapped for order, and nearly all of them remained until all the speaking was ended

Mr. Gage Introduced. Mr. Gage had had a pretty busy day of wholly devoid of stirring incident, but he was to all appearances in excellent by the intermedine strife in that region.

humor, and in equally excellent health. After a toast to the President of the retary Gage, who was greeted with prohandkerchiefs from the ladies in the gal-

leries. Mr. Gage said in part: It is a strange anomaly that while in nearly every other department of life improvement is the indispensable rule, in the great field of banking, finance, and gard to the handicap imposed by defective methods, and dismiss with little considration suggestions which, if adopted, would advance society and business affairs in the great economic field of in-

Not Posing as a Reformer

"I do not want to pose as a reformer I believe in judicious and well-considered reform, but I am, I must confess, somewhat auspicious, as many of you have become, of the reformer himself. Nor do I believe in revolutions. Evalution is the law of life. It ought not to be resisted,

"The weakness of our banking system is in the isolation and entire separateness of the individual banks over the country. There is no possible tie of union or co operation for mutual assistance, no plan by which the surplus strength and power of the strong can be brought to the belp of those who however worthy, are momentarily pressed. Therefore I ventured to suggest a system of coalition between individual members of the banking com-munity through the country into one central institution, with convenient branches in the larger cities, in which all banks should be related or interested according individual relative importance, resent to the banking interests of the country what the Federal Government represents in our political system.

Gains on the Community.

Great prejudice exists, I know, against the aggregation of great wealth in the hands of a few men. The power of coucentrated wealth is indeed enormous, but happily it is the law of nature that larger rains and better advantages can be secured to aggregated wealth by serving faithfully the common interests than by exploiting the commidity through a sys tem of theft and robbery. A central in-stitution such as suggested would, how-ever, be the more entitled to confidence because it would be representative of all the incrests of all the people in every sec-

A Paverable Time.

"No more favorable time than the preent, for reasonable, judicious, and careful modifications of the law has ever existed in the past or is likely ever to arise in

"The Treasury of the United States which had come to be a most important element of our finances, is in a condition to be responsive on its own part to what ever is required in the modifications de-sired. Within three years the American people have fought a foreign war. The expenses of that struggle to our Government have aggregated to the present time five hundred million dollars. -"In carrying it on, the public debt was

increased to the extent of \$200,000,000, but within two years from the close of the struggle a cancellation of the debt to an amount equal to its previous expansion has been practically secured. The annual interest charge against the Government on account of the public debt has also been reduced from \$35,000,000, where it stood before the Spenish war, and from 40,000,000 per annum, where it stood on vember 1, 1899, to \$27,500,010.

Strength Now Unsurpassed.

"The cash under the control of the Gov. ernment is larger than at any previous time in its history; so large, indeed, as to cause anxiety in your minds and in the

minds of those immediately responsible for Government finances. The financial strength of the Government is now un-

strength of the Government is now unsurpassed.

'Other nations, struggling with debt
or involved in the enormous expenditures incidental to actual war or the
maintenance of great armies, look with
envious eyes upon the happy condition of
this people. But times change, evens
succeed events, and the brightness of the
sun today is often obscured by the clouds
that arise tomorrow. In periods of
strength and prosperity it is the part of
wisdom to make provision against possibl future periods of stress and strain."

SAMPSON IS NO WORSE.

Physician Anticipates No Immediat

Crisis in Malady. Admiral Sampson's condition remains mchanged and his physician, Dr. Dixon, who visits him twice a day, does not an-

Enfeebled and weakened as he is, the dmiral takes but a listless interest in anything, although he manages to get around the house and is not confined to his room. Every attention and care that a loving family can devise envirous him, and to nurse him back to health and strength is the one desire of his wife, who gives him unremittingly all of her time.

If the winter proves too severe for him the admiral may be taken South, but as yet no plans have been perfected.

CECIL RHODES SERIOUSLY ILL. offering From Heat Prostration of

His Nile Journey. LONDON, Dec. 19 .- A despatch to the Central News from Cairo says Cecil

Rhodes, she recently started on a journey up the Nile, is suffering from heat pros His condition is serious, and he has

abandoned his journey to Khartoum, and will return here as soon as he is able. GUNBOAT WILL

PROTECT MINES.

FRESH TROUBLE ON THE ISTHMUS.

and Washington Mine Owners Aided by Senator Me.

Comas-Secretary Long's

Action.

Owing to strong representations made vesterday by Senator McComas of Maryland to Secretary Hay and Secretary Long, regarding the peril of American interests on the Isthmus of Panama, Secretary Long ordered the Marietta, now at Colon, to proceed at once to Houibre de Dies, thirty-five miles distant, for the exit, all things considered, and a day not press purpose of protecting American property, of large value, now jeopardized

In the vicinity of the port named are manganere mines, which, with a railroad United States, Chairman Baker, with very and other equipment, represent an infew words of introduction, presented Sec-vestment of more than \$1,000,000. For the past week this costly property has been longed applause and much waving of shandoned, owing to the military operations taking place in the Immediate neigh

Washington Man Interested.

The principal owners of the mines are Messrs. John K. Cowen, Harry Parr, and W. F. Frick, of Baltimore; John B. Mc-Donald, of New York, and John N. Pop ham, of Washington. The last named gen tleman is well known here and to Virginia. He has been operating in Colombia for many years, and also in Costa Rica, where he is developing rich gold mine; in partnership with Senator Jones of Ne

vada, and others.

The Baltimore capitalists have been greatly perturbed over the failure of the United States Government to protect their plant, which is a heavy revenue producer, and requested Senator McComas to stir up the State and Navy Departments to Im-

mediate and vigorous action. The statement was made that in the protection our man-of-war had been giving the Panama Railroad for the last two French interests were safethe view that if anybody needed the help of Uncle Sam, surely his own citizens had preference over foreigners. He made an emphatic presentation of the case, with the result stated.

Fight of Outs Against Ins.

The truth, is," said a Baltimore man connected with the mining company last night, "that in Colomuta, especially in the Department of Panuma, nine-tenths of the people are on the Liberal side-that is, against the present Government. The the crowd that is out of power is forever plotting for political supremacy. It is always a fight of the fellows that are out alnst the 'ins,' and hence the frequenc

"A little while ago, when the Liberal held Colon, the long-hidden flag of that party came forward in all important points in the department, but since the recapture of Colon by General Alban, the Government has been quite active in rounding up the Liberals, and regaining the ports previously lost.

"General Alban is the mainstay of the Government, and he has been effectively assisted by General Jeffrics, an America and West Point graduate. But for thes men the Government couldn't last

Had to Abandon Mines.

"When the fighting came right up to our works we were forced to abandon the mines. Our financial less is already heavy and the Colombian Government may b called upon to make good the losses sustained. Our Vice Consul, Mr. Jesse M Hyatt, is a Washington man, and as Acting Consul, has all the nerve and sagnetty requisite to uphold the interests of his

The rebels have in General Uribe ery during and brilliant soldier. his leadership they are making consider-able gains in the departments adjoining Venezuela, and the revolution may go on for many months

Siberian Road's Great Cost. ODESSA, Dec. 19 .- The "Novesti" states

that the Siberian Rallway, which at the beginning it was estimated would cost 780,000,000 rubles. The final total is likely to exceed 1,000,000,000 rubles.

\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return, Vin B. & O. R. R., Saturday and Sunday, December 21 and 22. Tickets good returning it tollowing Nonday. Good on all trains

Norfolk & Washington Steamboat Co i, and Newport News. See ad. page 9,

PROF. BELL ON MARCONI

Achievement Marks Epoch in Electrical Progress.

BELIEVES STATEMENT OF INVENTOR.

Arrangements Almost Completed for Transmitting Wireless Telegraph Messages Between This City and Baltimore - Stations Being Established in Other Cities

Prof. Alexander Graham Bell, in speaking last night of Signor Marconi's achievement, said:

"If Signor Marconi has really received signals from England, it marks an epoch in the history of electrical progress. "I have no reason to doubt the state ment he has made to this effect over his

own signature." Prof. Bell expressed himself as being nighly elated over the success of Signor Marconi's experiments. He added that he trusted that his (Mr. Bell's) Cape Breton estate, which he had placed at the disposal of Signor Marconi, would be suitable for the establishment of a wireless telegraph station

Telegram From Marconi. Prof. Bell late yesterday afternoon recived the following telegram, dated at St. John's Newfoundland:

"Thanks for your most generous offer, hope to visit Cape Breton next week. Shall telegraph more fully tomorrow

"The curvature of the earth between the curvature of the earth pervects the two stations, said Prof. Bell, is considerable, and if these electrical impulses are propagated like light, in straight lines, the success of Prof. Maroni's experiments would indicate that the impulses were propagated through the world itself.

Curvature Shuts Off Light.

"If on the other hand they follow the surface configuration, then they are not propagated, as we have hitherto supposed, like light. It is certain that no light in England, no matter if as bright as the sun itself, could be perceived in New oundland, on account of the curvature of the earth's surface between.
"We know too little about the experi-

ments yet to say much about them. We simply have Signor Marconi's statement that prearranged signals from England had been perceived by him in St. John's. N. F., and in ignorance of the exact nature of these signals no one but Signor Marconi and his assistants can form a judgment as to whether they were or were not perceived.

Believes in Marconi.

"I for one have sufficient confidence in Signor Marconi to believe that he would not have made so confident a statement unless the signals really were received. "I am a little doubtful as to whether

my place on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotla, is suitable as a wireless telegraph station, as it is on the middle of the inland and not on the castern shore. It, however, has the advantage that it forms a promontory on the Bras d'Or Lake, which is a salt water lake, having comnunication with the ocean. I hope Signor himself as to its suitability, and I shall contribute in any way to the success of his great invention."

Between Baltimore and Washington. That wireless telegraph messages will be transmitted between Baltimore and Washington within a week is the promise nade by engineers of the Federal Wireless Telegraph and Telephone Company of Philadelphia. The engineers are in charge of Mr. Greenleaf W. Pickard, thief engi-

seer of the company, The tests are to be made between the stacion completed a short time ago on Stafford Street, in the western suburbs of Baltimore, and a station in Brookland. Transmitting instruments are sirendy in position at both stations, and receiving instruments, recently completed at the company's laboratories in Philadelphia

will be installed today.

Mr. Pickard says he is confident the tests will be successful and that within a short time the company will be transmi ring commercial messages over a line from Washington to New York and in-cluding Baltimore, Philadelphia, Wilmington, Newark, and Trenton. Ground for stations in all the cities named is now be-ing secured and instruments are being manufactured in Philadelphia.

SENDS FOR HIS BRIDE-ELECT. Miss Holman to Come East and

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 19.-It is reorted that Miss Josephine Holman, who

s engaged to marry Signor Marconi, will leave at once for New York, in response to a message from him, and the marriage will occur while she is East. mpleted

SIGNOR MARCONI HONORED.

Entertained at Luncheon by Gover

ST. JOHNS, N. F. Dec. 19.-Governor Boyle's luncheon for Marconi today was really an unequivocal proclamation that the Governor and his advisors support him against the Anglo-American Cable Company. The Governor, in a speech proposing the health of the inventor, paid im the highest compliments upon his previous scientific work and recent achievements and wished him like good fortune in the future.

He also rejoiced that Newfoundland, which is the oldest colony of the Empire. and was the home of the first Atlantic cable, enjoyed the distinction of giving birth to this wonderful new-century creation. He was also glad to congratulate Marconi on the announcement of his intended marriage, extending his best wishes and those of the whole colony. a Marconi in replying thanked all for the kindness which has been shown him in the colony to such an unequaled extent, and modestly referred to his own share in the wireless discoveries. He affirmed the belief that the system will soon become an assured success and that cable rates will drop from 25 cents to 1 cent a word. He trusted the Governor and govern ent would never have cause to regret

BOUGHT BY A SYNDICATE.

Baltimore Store Passes Over to Associated Merchants' Company.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 19 .- Official ancoment was made today of the deal by which the department store of Posnet Bros. is to become the preperty of th Associated Merchants' Company, of which John Claffin, of New York, is president. The total amount involved is \$1,000,000 This is probably the largest mercantile deal ever consummated in this city.

The negotiations were conducted by Samuel Posner and Louis Stewart, President of the James McCreery Company of New York, acting for the Associated Merchanto' Company.

It is not contemplated that any hanges will be made in Mr. Posner's taff of assistants.

It is understood that Samuel Posne will sever his connection with the firm but that the name of the department store will remain unchinged. The Associated Merchanes' Company, which is expected to assume control of the business on January 2, was incor-pornted under the laws of New Jersey. It has acquired control of a number of stores in various cities and it is the in-tention of its officers to inaugurate a chain of these establishments throughout

he United States. It is argued that in this manner the cost of production can be decreased, the middleman's profit eliminated, and goods can be sold to customers at greatly re-

SHOT TEACHER OF BIBLE CLASS.

NYACK MISSIONARY ASSAILED.

Wounded by Young Colored Woman Who, It Is Thought, Was Infatuated With the Christian Worker.

NYACK, N. Y., Dec. 19.-Gustav A. Colins, one of the Rev. Dr. Simpson's chief workers in Nyack for the Christian and Missionary Alliance, was shot at three times last night by Miss Martha Gibson, a young negro weman, the third shot making a deep flesh wound in the right arm. The woman is in the Rockland County

Conducted Religious Meetings.

Collins is twenty-three years eld. For everal menths he has had charge of the Christian Alliance's gospel mission in Nyack, where meeting are beld nightly. Martha Gibson has been a regular attendant, and has seemed to be deeply interested. The last few evenings, however, she has seemed troubled over something, and her actions toward Mr. Collins have been

very annoying to him.

Last night Mr. Collins conducted a large Bible class and Martha was present She appeared to be watching the young leader closely and insisted on sliting close behind him. He spoke rather thaty-ly to her and she left the room, returnng again before the close of the meeting Followed on the Way Home.

Mr. Collins boards at the home of Frank Blauvelt. Mrs. Blauvelt and her young daughter. Florence were at the Bible meeting last night and at its ciese Mr. Collins started to walk home with them. He noticed that Martha Gibson was following them and soon passed

them.
She hastened around a long block and Drawing a revolver from her bosom, she fired two shots at Mr. Collins. The list grazed the lower part of his coat, the second p netured the lapel and took an puard course, coming out over the

The young man grappled with his assailand and threw her off her feet. As he did so she fired another shot, the bullet cut-ting a wound three inches long in Collina'

The shooting aroused the neighborhood and the woman, who fought like a tigress was taken to jail. She waived examina tion today and was held for the grand

umatances believe the girl has become afatuated with Collins, who is a goodcoking young fellow, and because he dis not pay more attention to her she re olved to shoot him,

ENQUIRING ABOUT BOERS.

England Hears That Germany Is Asking Questions Anent Them.

LONDON, Dec. 19.-Advices have reached in official quarter here from Berlin to the effect that the German Government has ordered the Government of Southwest Africa to report as to the number and

nio that territory.

Many of these who have money have aken land and are conducting farm the majority of the nomads are Althout visible means of subsistence. It is feared by British politicians that hese will hereafter prove a thorn in th ide of the English.

FUSION IN THE WEST, Mr. Bryan Gives Advice to Demo

crats and Populists. LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 19.-Mr. Bryan nakes a strong plea in this week s "Comnoner" for the continuance of funion be

ween Populists and Democrats. Only two questions of difference separate them now, he says, the redeemability of greenbacks and the Government's ownership of railroads. United effort to save

the greenbacks is necessary now, and dif ferences can be settled later. He says: "The issues which brought the refer arties together have not been settled nd are not likely to be settled by the Re publican party. That co-operation must continue is certain. The only question is whether it shall be co-oper, ion beween organizations or co-operation be-ween individuals under one organization This is a quention which must be de ermined largely by local conditions. the Populists were to join the Democratic party, they would strengthen the reform

dement in that party, and assist in prerenting the repudiation of the principles of the Kansas City platform. "Where the Populist party is strong as compared with the Democratic party it be wiser to co-operate than to atempt the amalgamation of the parties.

Fireman Instantly Killed.

HAMILTON, Out., Dec. 19 .- While reponding to an alarm for a fire in a aundry in the west end of the city today the hose wagon of the Bay Street station collided with a car. Fireman Smith was instantly killed, and Foreman Wilson was seriously injured.

RETIREMENT FUND PLAN.

Plan Before Congress for Employes.

SUPPORT ON A MUTUAL BASIS.

Scheme Somewhat Similar to That of Soldiers' Home in Operation-Proposed to Go Into Effect Next July-Introduced by Request-Fund of Employes' Earnings.

Representative Gillett of Massachusetts esterday introduced in the House, by reuest, a bill providing for the retirement of Government employes on pensions, provided by a fund taken from their own earnings. The measure is advocated by an association of clerks who have had actuaries at work for several months figuring upon the plan.

The bill provides for the withholding of 2 per cent of the salary of each employe under the civil service, which is o constitute a retirement fund.

It proposes to begin the withholding of sum on July 1, 1902, and to permit retirement to begin on July 1, 1905, and to pay 75 per cent of the average salary of the retiring clerk during the last five years of his or her service, but stipulat-ing that no pension shall exceed \$1,500 a

Applications to Be Passed Upon. Employes having served for ten years and who shall become disabled either physically or mentally for the perform-

ance of ordinary official duty may be retired upon their own application or com Persons who have reached the age of sixty years and who have been in the service for thirty years, and those having reached the age of seventy years and been thirty-five years in the service are eligi-ble to retirement. Applications for retire-ment are to be passed upon by the Civil Service Commission.

Bureau of Retirement Created.

It further stipulates that clerks dis harged before they are eligible for tetirement may withdraw the 2 per cent which they have paid into the fund, and if reinstated they are required to ceture the amount withdrawn or have their eligi-

of their reinstatement. The bill also creates a bureau of re-

tirement under the Treasury Department with a chief at a salary of \$1,800 a year MAY DIRECT CARNEGIE GIFT.

Bellef That Dr. Gilman Will Conduct New Institute. The belief that Daniel C. Gilman, for-

nerly President of Johns Hopkins University, will direct the work of the proosed Carnegie Institute is given foundation by the fact that Dr. Gilman yesterday dined with President Roosevelt to discuss the project. At his home in Baltimore last night Dr.

ilman declined to talk on the subject, on come from Mr. Carnegie. It is rumored and is anxious to cut his visit as short as n Baltimore that the John's Hopkins Uni- | possible. versity will be a factor in the work of the

SLATE FACTORY ON FIRE.

Valuable Property at Bangor, Pa.

sen, the distinguished chemist, who suc-

Destroyed by Flames. EASTON, Pa., Dec. 19 .- For the third time in the past fourteen years the facat Banger, Pa., was destroyed by fire this vening. The flames started on the third House Will Dispose of Mensures Imstory of the main building, entirely destroving that atructure and giving the iremen difficult work to save surrounding

The factory was regarded as one of the mest in the country, and contained con-siderable valuable machinery. The loss is estimated at \$69,690. About two hundred men are thrown out of work by the fire.

DROVE IN FRONT OF TRAIN.

Son Escapes Miraculously. PHILLIPSBURG, N. J., Dec. 19.-David Hockenberry, a farmer residing at Asoury, was killed on the New Jersey Central, near his home tonight. He and his son attempted to drive across the tracks n front of a passenger train, when they

were struck.

Hockenberry was almost ground to pieces, and his son, when the train was stopped, was found on the pilot of the otive, slightly bruised. Both horses

GENERAL ALGER'S ILLNESS. His Condition May Make an Opera

tion Necessary. DETROIT, Dec. 13.-Three physicians were in consultation today over the case of Gen. R. A. Alger, who has been con fined to his room for several days, suffer ing from gall stones.

Dr. Jennings has not been able to re-Here the pain and it was decided today that if the general is not easier tomor rew an operation will have to be per Though suffering intense pain, they sa

his condition is not serious WILY AMERICAN WANTED.

tequaintances in Berlin Moura Los of Money and Jewels.

BERLIN, Dec. 19 .- The police are look ng for a young American, calling himself Harry Marshall, who disappeared on Tuesday. He obtained 2,000 marks in money, in addition to jewelry and clothes from American residents and merchants on the plea that he knew J. R. McLean, of Cincinnati.

A jeweler of the name of Saxe, from whom the man now recognized as Man shall obtained a diamend ring and 1.00 and i obtained a diamend ring and 1,000 marks, says he knew him in Chicago under the name of Vernon. Marshall is believed to be an accomplished international was swindler, who is now plying his crooked

PORTFOLIO FOR TAFT.

Report Says He Will Be Made Secretary of State.

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 19.-Reliable inermation from a Cincinnati man in a osition to know has been received here to the effect that William H. Taft, Goverpor of the Philippines, is returning to this country upon the request of the President, who, the informant says, has tendered him the Secretaryship of State. The informant says that to disclose the name of the Cincinnati man would be a breach of confidence, and intimated that the facts were obtained from a letter

written by Governor Taft. "I have known of this for some time, the informant says. "In fact, I was informed of it a few weeks after President McKinley's death. As soon as I had read in the despatches that the Governor was about to return because of his failing health I was convinced that the real pur-

pune was to confer with the President re-garding the Secretaryahip.

The time Governor Taft has spent in the Philippines has enabled him to become thoroughly familiar with the situ-ation there, which fact will make him an invaluable acquisition to the Roosevelt

MAY FAVOR CORPORATIONS.

Ohio State Auditor Enabled to Reduce Cleveland Valuations.

CLEVELAND, Ohfo, Dec. 19 .- The efforts of Mayor Tom L. Johnson to have the property in the city, especially the property of corporations, appraised for taxation at a fair value are likely to go for naught.

He succeeded in persuading the city annual board of equalization to add several millions to the returns made by the street rallway, gas, and Illuminating companies. but now it has been discovered that the State auditor has the power to reduce valuations, and it is said that he will reduce those in Cleveland by almost \$20,000,000. If this proves true, it will reduce the

CROKER LEAVES INDIANA TODAY.

CHIEFTAIN'S COURT DESERTED.

Democrats Refuse to Visit French Lick Springs to Talk With New Yorker-National Plans Too Early.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 19. - Richard Croker and his New York friends will leave French Lick Springs tomorrow evening, going by way of Cincinnati. Mr. Croker originally intended to stay at the springs a week or ten days, and possibly longer, but none of the India a Democrats has visited him for consultation, and he has found the springs insupportably dull because of the extremely cold weather and the absence of visitors,

that while he has expressed no disappointment over his reception in Indiana, it was evident from his frequent references to the duliness of the place that he the ground that all information should has not met the conditions he expected.

Leading Democrats in this city say there is no reason why they should pay It is said that Prof. Paul Haupt, author court to the Tammany boss at French of the polychrome Bible; Dr. William Os. | Lick, and that it was asking too much of ler, of the Medical School, and Ira Rem- them to go to an out-of-the-way place at this season of the year to meet anyone. ceeded Dr. Gilman as president, will be Besides, they say Croker is a stranger to consulted largely in the direction of the Indiana politics, and it is entirely too carly to begin national manipulations, if that was his purpose in coming to the

> The fact that no prominent Democrat has been at the springs, notwithstanding had transpired since his resignation was the notice of Croker's coming, seems to

justify this view tory of the Hyatt School Slate Company. CANAL BILL A SPECTAL ORDER.

mediately After Holidays. Immediately upon the reconvening of Congress after the holiday recess the ouse will take up the Nicaragua Canal bill. By unanimous consent it was agreed vesterday that the measure should be made a special order for January 7, and

should continue to be a special order until nally disposed of. The bill was favorably reported yes-erday by Chairman Hepburn, of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Commit

When Mr. Hepburn asked unanim for January 7, Mr. Cannon asked if the orsideration and passage of the bil cottnting the treatics with Costa Rica and Nicaragua for the right of way. Mr. Hepburn replied by saying that the

President in his message had urged the massage of the bill, and he (Mr. Hepburn) understood that the treatles were now being negotiated and would soon be sent the Senate for ratification. Mr. Cannon thought if Congress passed the bill before the treatles were agreed to that Cos.a Pica and Nicaragua might more severe in their terms.

Mr. Richardson said the minority facored the passage of the bill as speedil as possible. It was in no sense neasure, he declared, Mr. Underwood Tem. Ala) made a somewhat vigor-ous reply to Mr. Cannon's suggestion for delay. He said there was a gigantic influ once which had thrown itself in the way if the bithmian canal. It wanted delay in the hope that the treaties might be deuted in the Senate. He made the poin that the interests opposed to the canal timed to thwart the building of the canal by controlling one-third of the Senate o thirds of that body being necessar o ratify treaties to secure the right of nd the bill was made a special order for

PERHAPS A KLEPTOMANIAC. illeged Shoplifter Forfeits Fifteen

Dollars in Court. A woman who said she was Mrs. Harriet E. Garvin failed to appear when her case was called yesterday in the Police Court, after being arrested Wednesday night by Detective Boyd, sent to the

House of Detention, and subsequently rele-sed on collateral in the sum of \$15. She was discovered in a department store Wednesday, and is said to have tried to appropriate a purse, two books, and a fountain pen.

> Flynn's masiness tourge, sth and K Business, Shorthand, Typewriting \$25 a year.

WAKEMAN WILL NOT GET OUT.

PRICE ONE CENT.

Attacks Mr. Gage in Letter to President.

HAS ALSO WRITTEN TO SECRETARY.

New York Appraiser's Communication to Mr. Gage Not Made Public-Friends of the Appraiser Say He Cannot Be Ousted Until After January 1.

Two letters-probably the most imporant missives which have played a part in Secretary Gage's demand for Wilbur F. Wakeman, appraiser of the port of New York, to resign, and Wakeman's refusal to comply-were received in Washington yesterday. One was addressed to Secretary Gage and the other to President Roosevelt. The letter to the Secretary of the Treasury was sealously guarded pending Mr. Gage's return from New

Refuses to Resign.

President Roosevelt read the letter to him and then sent a telegram requesting Secretary Gage to return to Washington mmediately. In the letter to the President Mr. Wakeman says he will not resign. The letter consists of a long, studled, and systematic attack upon Secretary Gage's administration of the customs de-

Secretary Gage probably received the telegram in Philadelphia. He went to New York and delivered an address at a banquet of Group 8 of the New York Bankers' Association. He will probably return to Washington some time today, thus abandoning an original intention to remain in New York until late Saturday

The President desires Secretary Gage's presence in Washington at once, it is understood, in order that the Wakeman mutter may be settled at once. Unless the case is considered of great emergency no one will be appointed to take charge of the office of appraiser before Congress resumes its session after the holiday recess.

It is understood that Mr. Wakeman in his letter to the President claims that his resignation would be a virtual admission of the incompetency which his political opponents have charged against him. He alleges that the means they have employed to accomplish his downfall are unfair. Mr. Gage is to blame, Mr. Wakeman

he charges that the Secretary has lent ald and comfort to his enemies by listening to allegations and complaints from persons whose reputations ought to

nullify their protests and testimony.

alleges, for much of the friction which

has occurred in the administration of

the customs business at New York, and

Criticised the Department. A report to the Secretary of the Treasury by Mr. Wakeman several weeks ago contained criticism of the Department for listening to the testimony and complaints of persons Mr. Waxeman considers inimical to him. The tone of the report was hotly resented as impertinent up both Secretary Gage and Assistant Secretary

Before Secretary Gage left Washington he gave instructions at his office if any letter was received at the Treasury for him from Mr. Wakeman it should be kept private until he returned from New York. Mr. Gage hardly expected a letter from Mr. Wakeman, inasmuch as two weeks

Spaulding.

It is believed that in the latter to the Secretary Mr. Wakeman refuses to resign, and that his reasons for refusing

TO OPERATE ON MAX O'RELL. The French Author Suffering From

have been communicated to the President.

Chronic Appendicitis. NEW YORK, Dec. 19 .- M. Blouet (Max O'Rell) returned here tought from Baltimore, where he delivered a lecture on Wednesday evening, while suffering from appendicitis. The trouble is of two years'

Dr. Henner, of the French Hospital, has

prevailed upon him to undergo an opera-

ion before he leaves this country, and the

standing, and frequently attacks him.

writer's secretary said today that this will be performed in about three weeks at the French hospital by Dr. McBurney. In According to his secretary, M. Blouet's

liness has obliged him to cancel all the

ontracts for his American tour. WASHINGTON MAN A SUICIDE. amuel M. Young Takes His Life in

BALTIMORE, Dec. 19.-Samuel M. Young, of Washington, said to be a bookseeper in the Government Hospital for he Insane, was found in an unconscious condition at about 2 o'clock this afternoon in a room of the Hotel Rennert. A bottle labeled laudanum, which was

searly empty and which had been purhased a short time before at a drug store n the central part of the city, and a ealed letter addressed to Manager O'Conper of the hotel were found by his side. Young was discovered by one of the hambermaids of the hostelry, who notiled Mr. O'Connor. He in turn summoned Or, Alexander Hill. The physician er-

lered that the man be taken to the City despital, where he died. The hotel register shows that Young ame here at 11 o'clock on Wednesday

tight. Ocean Steamship Movements.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.-Arrived: Germnie, Liverpoel; Hindao, Hull, Amstelinning, Liverpoot, Trained out: Deutsch-land, from New York, at Hamburg: Alver, from New York, at Naples, Cymric, Irak. New York, at Queenstown; Columbia, from New York, at Gibraltar. \$1.25 to Unitimore and Return \$1.25

Via Pennsylvania Railroad.